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SPECIAL SERVICES

1921

COMMEMORATING

The 150th Anniversary

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE

Salem Congregation of the Moravian Church

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.



The Congregation House—Consecrated November 13, 1771

Sunday, November 6th to Sunday, November 13th

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one

DAILY SCRIPTURE TEXTS

CONNECTED WITH THE SETTLEMENT OF WACHOVIA AND
THE FOUNDING OF SALEM AND READ ON THE OCCASION
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SALEM CONGREGATION.

1752, DECEMBER 27—When the survey of Wachovia was begun:—
“Behold it is written before me.” Is. 65, 6.

1753, JANUARY 13—When the survey of the land was finished:—
“He helps us.” Is. 33, 22.

1753, NOVEMBER 17—When the first Colony of twelve Single
Brethren took possession of the old cabin at Bethabara:—
“I know where thou dwellest.” Rev. 2, 13.

1765, FEBRUARY 14—When the site for Salem was determined:—
“Let thine eye be opened toward this place day and night, even to-
ward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there.”
I Kings, 8, 15.

1766, FEBRUARY 19—When the first eight Brethren moved to
Salem:—
“I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me.” Lev. 10, 3.

1766, AUGUST 18—When the first house (on Main street) was con-
secrated:—
“Strong is thy dwelling, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.”
Num. 24, 21.

1770, APRIL 17—When the Foundation Stone of the Congregation
House was laid:—
“Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congrega-
tion of saints.” Ps. 149, 1.

1771, NOVEMBER 13—When the new Meeting Hall in Salem was
consecrated:—
“The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before
him.” Hab. 2, 20.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

of

The Salem Congregation and its Churches.

The glow of a Great Revival—the Revival of “The Thirteenth of August 1727” was upon the souls of the men and women who gathered just one hundred and fifty years ago to dedicate a new house of worship in the vast Colonial wilderness. We can never understand their work or appreciate their motives from a purely secular point of view. Had they been immigrants of the usual type, they would never have come to the remote district of North Carolina, which we fondly call Wachovia. They were men of various gifts, farmers, mechanics, professional men, scholars; and women too of noblest kind and finest ability. But they never would have thought of settling in this distant wilderness, and enduring its pioneer hardships, if it had not been for the religious fervour which filled their souls. They were the inheritors of a great joy and a sweet peace in Jesus Christ. They had come on their long and weary ways to find a spot where they could live happily together, as the forgiven children of the heavenly Father, dwelling in the sunshine of the grace of His dear Son, our Lord, and enjoying the daily comforts of His Holy Spirit. They came from various lands across the seas not to live unto themselves alone, but for the religious benefit of their scattered fellow colonists, and for the Indian and the slave.

It was under the influence of these high joys, these sweet emotions of peace, these noble purposes toward their fellow men, that in 1771 they built what was called the “Congregation House,” but what, in modern days would have been called “The Institutional Church,” a building in which they wrought at the Lord’s business on all the seven days of the week. In one end of the two-storied building, two pastors’ families lived, in the other end the young women and older girls. In the centre there was a school for little girls, the beginning of the famous Salem College, and the Meeting Hall, which served for all occasions of public worship until the present “Home” Church was erected in 1800 for the needs of the growing community.

On November 13, 1771 this “Congregation House” was dedicated with great joy. All the settlers of Wachovia were present to the number of three hundred. There was an early morning service of song and prayer; then the lovefeast at noon, when the various officers of the newly formed Congregation were announced; then the public meeting in which a slave was baptized who had declared that he always wanted to live with those who had been so kind to him and had led him to the Saviour; then the Holy Communion was celebrated and the congregation dispersed to their nearer or more distant homes, with a blessed joy in their souls.

For nearly a hundred years this body of people were simply called “The Salem Congregation;” then as the city of Winston-Salem rapidly grew, the members began to go forth into their new Church organizations, respectively called, Calvary, Christ Church, Fairview, Trinity, and Fries Memorial, and those who were left in the first oldest organization, almost as by a common instinct said, we will call ourselves the “Home Church,” so that when the children come back out of their several places of worship, they may always feel themselves—“at home.”

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THE HOME CHURCH



With something of a mother's love for her children, the Home Church has always given liberally to the churches of Salem Congregation, not only of her finances but of her membership and service.

In every instance it was workers from the Home Church who went out to establish Sunday Schools in neglected portions of the rapidly growing community, and from these schools sprang the flourishing churches of today. And often to the organization of the new congregations she gave some of her ablest and most consecrated workers.

But the Lord has greatly prospered her, and in this sesqui-centennial year her membership totals more than eleven hundred communicants and a grand total of more than 1,300 souls under the spiritual care and oversight of the Board of Elders. The enrollment in all departments of the Sunday School exceeds 900 and the work is thoroughly organized. The present church building which had been erected in 1800 and had served the congregation well for more than a century, was enlarged and greatly improved in 1913; and a large and well-equipped Sunday School Building, known as the Rondthaler Memorial after Bishop Rondthaler its beloved former pastor, was added.

In addition to the wide activities at home, much work is being done on the foreign field through our "own" missionaries and native workers.

Ministering as the Home Church has for more than a century and a quarter to the students of Salem Academy and College the influence of her service has been widely felt throughout the Southland.

Though old in years, her spirit is young and her interest keen, and she enters upon the new era of her life and service with zeal and high purpose for her Head and Saviour.

CALVARY CHURCH

Calvary represents the result of the first effort of the mother congregation to extend her usefulness to the new town of Winston.



Under the direction of Bishop Emil de Schweinitz, the work was undertaken, services being held under an outdoor shelter put up in the dense woods of the Moravian reservation, now the Calvary grounds. Services were next held in Tise's hall and a Sunday School was later begun in the school building corner Liberty and First streets.

In 1888, the work became the joint concern of Bishop Edward Rondthaler and Bro. James Lineback—Sunday School promoter. The Boards of the Salem Congregation selected the site for the building here shown which was erected at a cost of \$10,000 and dedicated December 8, 1889. Calvary was the sweet name chosen for the new enterprise to which the first resident pastor, Rev. A. D. Thaeler, came in 1892.

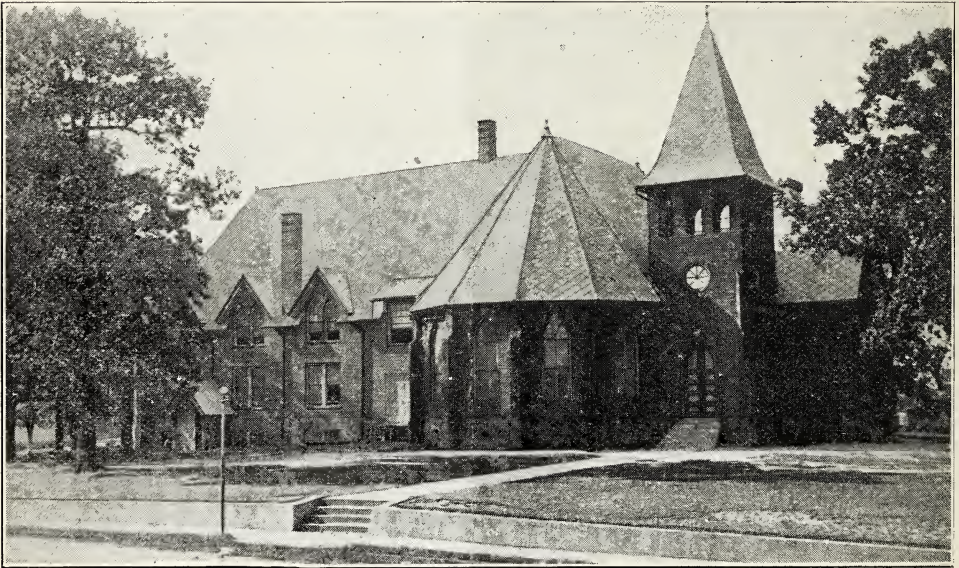
The work has greatly prospered under the favor of God. Besides being fully self-supporting, Calvary now helps to sustain the general work of Salem congregation and has a resident and missionary pastor. The Sunday School numbers over 600 and church membership over 700 souls. Bro. Thaeler after 12 years was succeeded by Bro. E. S. Crosland and he, in turn, by Bro. Edmund Schwarze, in 1916.

The Sunday School and church have outgrown the original building, and a large building-fund is under way for a proposed beautiful and commodious church and Sunday School building.

Thus Calvary stands today the monument of the faith and effort of consecrated men and women who built better than they knew.

CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church was begun in the year 1893 as a work of faith, in that section which lay at the extreme western edge of old Salem. A map of that period shows many open fields and unbroken forest with here and there a few scattered homes.



As there was much doubt whether a Church could possibly succeed at this then distant point, the work was commenced as a Sunday School and Prayer Meeting enterprise, in a three-room building so constructed that it could be readily altered and used as a residence should the work not prove successful. This house stood on the present parsonage site, about one-half mile due west of the Home Church at the corner of Academy and Green streets.

From the very beginning the blessing of God rested wonderfully upon the work. The little building with its Saturday night prayer meeting and Sunday morning Sunday School was soon crowded to the doors. During the very first summer a tent addition became necessary, and soon the plans were laid for the present church, the cornerstone of which was laid on July 21, 1895.

This part of the Salem Congregation has with the 25th of October 1921 rounded out its quarter century. Christ Church now has more than 400 communicant members working together with a spirit of unity which has made possible the fine Sunday School Building which has been erected at a cost of more than \$20,000, more than two-thirds of which came directly out of the congregation and all of which has been paid in full.

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



Fairview was also begun as a Sunday School work in the extreme northern part of the city, in a section where there was no Sunday School but where others had tried and given up in discouragement.

On May 5th, 1895 the first session was held under the superintendency of the veteran Sunday School organizer, Bro. James T. Lineback, in an old chapel on what was then Pearl street, now Nineteenth street. On September 22nd the first sermon was preached by the pastor Dr. H. E. Rondthaler. He was followed during the years by the Brn. J. K. Pfohl, C. H. Wenhold and the present pastor.

In 1899 the school had outgrown the temporary quarters and the present site of the church on North Liberty street was purchased and the corner stone laid on Oct. 7, 1900, the money being raised among Fairview members which was a new departure from the previous undertaking of Salem Congregation. While everything was paid for at the time, the church was not dedicated till July 12th, 1908, when the congregation was organized with 119 communicants.

During that year the corner lot was bought and the J. M. Cummings' house on the north side of the church was remodeled for a parsonage. The present pastor moved into it on January 12, 1909 and became the first resident pastor in that part of the city. The annex to the church was built in 1909.

Fairview now has 418 communicants, and a Sunday School that has completely outgrown its quarters. The size of the school is only limited by the capacity of the building. A Building Fund is being gathered and we hope in the near future to have a building adequate to our needs in one of the most populous sections of our city. Fairview is most favorably situated on a good corner on one of the main arteries of the city and under the continued blessing of God it will have a far-reaching influence for good in the rapidly developing community which it serves.

TRINITY CHURCH



In the latter part of the year 1885 several good women of the Home Church became interested in the little settlement known as Centerville, or South Salem. They found great need for religious teaching in this neglected portion of the community.

On Sunday, March 21, 1886, the Sunday School was opened in a small rented house. The interest proved so great that better accommodations were demanded. November 28, 1886, saw the building known for many years as Centerville Chapel ready for dedication to the Lord's service.

With faithful service by ministers and laymen, the chapel for many years wielded a great influence for good in the community.

The South Winston-Salem section of the city by the year of 1910 showing such remarkable growth and promise for the future, it was deemed wise to place the Moravian work on a better footing and thus serve the growing number of people.

Accordingly, steps were taken which led to the erection of a new building. On October 1st, 1911, at a meeting of Centerville congregation, "Trinity" was decided upon as a name for the new church. On May 12, 1912, the building was opened for worship.

Meanwhile the energetic pastor, Rev. E. C. Stempel, had been busy, together with the faithful congregation, in assembling the Moravians of the community and on July 14th, 1912, Trinity Congregation was organized.

There has been uninterrupted progress in the work of Trinity. From the small beginning in 1886 the congregation has grown until its membership numbers more than three hundred.

In 1919 Trinity's first pastor was succeeded by Rev. Douglas L. Rights, present minister at this charge.

FRIES MEMORIAL CHURCH



This latest of the church building enterprises of the Salem Congregation, represents the culmination of more than forty years of faithful Sunday School and congregational effort on the East Side.

The beginnings of the enterprise go back to 1876, when Mrs. Esther Linthicum White started a Sunday School in the kitchen of her home for the instruction of her son and the children of the neighborhood. Rev. Geo. F. Bahnson the first superintendent was succeeded in 1877 by the lay-brother Henry E. Fries, whose service has been continuous since that time and who has been ably assisted by his devoted wife. For many years, the work was carried on in the East Salem Chapel, from which the congregation removed in 1914 to the splendid new building, erected during the pastorate of Rev. Edmund Schwarze, and named in honor of its efficient and long-time superintendent, Fries Memorial Church.

The church occupies a commanding position in the center of a rapidly growing community and has a wide field for service.

Rev. Clarence E. Romig who labored with great zeal for the past five years, and was instrumental in bringing the church into touch with many new residents, has been succeeded by Rev. Herbert B. Johnson, under whose pastorate it is expected to extend the service into even wider spheres.

The present communicant membership numbers nearly two hundred and fifty souls, while its total Sunday School enrollment, including all departments, is but little under four hundred.

Program of HISTORICAL AND PREPARATORY SERVICE

HOME CHURCH AND CALVARY CHURCH—11:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

FAIRVIEW AND TRINITY CHURCHES—7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1921.

CHRIST CHURCH AND FRIES MEMORIAL CHURCH—7:45 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 1921.

ORGAN PRELUDE

(All standing)

To God, the Father, God, the Son,
And God, the Spirit, three in one,
Be honor, praise and glory given,
By all on earth, and all in heaven.

The Congregation still standing, the Minister shall say:

Let us lift up our hearts unto God in the heavens!

Lord God, our Father, Who art in heaven,

*Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord God, Son, Thou Saviour of the world,

Be gracious unto us.

Lord, God, Holy Ghost,

Abide with us forever.

Oh! where are kings and empires now,

Of old that went and came?

But Lord, Thy Church is praying yet,

A thousand years the same

We mark her goodly battlements

And her foundations strong;

We hear within the solemn voice

Of her unending song

For not like kingdoms of the world

Thy Holy Church, O God!

Though earthquake shocks are threatening her,

And tempests are abroad

Unshaken as eternal hills,

Immovable she stands,

A mountain that shall fill the earth,

A house not made by hands

ADDRESS—LOOKING BACKWARD

Now thank we all our God

With heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things hath done,

In whom his world rejoices;

Who from our mother's arms

Hath blest us on our way

With countless gifts of love,

And still is ours to-day

Oh may this bounteous God

Through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts

And blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in his grace,

And guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills

In this world and the next.

ADDRESS—THE SALEM CONGREGATION IN 1921

A charge to keep I have,

A God to glorify,

A never-dying soul to save,

And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,

My calling to fulfill;

Oh, may it all my powers engage,

To do my Master's will.

Arm me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live;
And oh, thy servant, Lord! prepare,
A strict account to give.

ADDRESS—LOOKING FORWARD

PRAYER

Go forward, christian soldier,
Beneath his banner true;
The Lord himself, thy leader,
Shall all thy foes subdue.
His love foretells thy trials,
He knows thine hourly need;
He can, with bread of heaven,
Thy fainting spirit feed

Go forward, christian soldier,
Nor dream of peaceful rest,
Till Satan's host is vanquished
And heaven is all possess;
Till Christ himself shall call thee
To lay thine armor by,
And wear, in endless glory,
The crown of victory.

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER THIRTEENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND
TWENTY-ONE.
ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Service to be held in the different churches of Salem Congregation and to be announced by the church bands rendering the following program—

ANNOUNCING THE ANNIVERSARY

TUNE 146—Now let us praise the Lord.
TUNE 230—Praises, thanks and adoration.
TUNE 185—Gracious Father bless this congregation.
TUNE 225—Church rejoice! Raise thy voice!
TUNE 159—"Tis the most blest and needful part.

ORGAN PRELUDE

HALLELUJAH CHORUS.....Handel
(Congregation standing)

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord,
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens, and all the powers therein,
To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of thy majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee; the Father, of an infinite majesty;

Thine adorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ; thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood;

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage: govern them, and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen

Grant us Thy blessing, Lord, our God,

The Covenant make fast

In Jesus' suffering, death and blood,

So long as time shall last.

May Jesus still our portion be,

Our Congregation bless,

His wounds our cure, His strength our trust,

Our hope in all distress.

We greet each other fervently,

As members of that band

Who here for His appearing wait,

And there before Him stand.

(Opening Hymn of the morning service November 13, 1771)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY—DOUBLE CHORUS—HOW LOVELY ARE THY DWELLINGS

(Sung on the occasion of the organization of Salem Congregation)

PRAYER

Oh that we with gladness of Spirit forever
Adored and praised our crucified Saviour;
Oh might each pulsation thanksgiving express,
And each breath we draw be an anthem of praise.

The Lamb who by blood our salvation obtained,
Took on him our curse and death freely sustained,
Is worthy of praises; let with one accord,
All people say: Amen, oh praise ye the Lord.

(Hymn used November 13, 1771)

ANNIVERSARY SERMON

PRAYER

Jesus! still lead on,
Till our rest be won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.

When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring,
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a foe
To our home we go.

Jesus still lead on!
Till our rest be won;
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNIVERSARY LOVEFEAST

HOME CHURCH AND MEMORIAL HALL

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 13TH, 1921

3:00 O'clock

The united bands of the churches of Salem Congregation will announce this service by playing the following tunes outside the Home Church.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOVEFEAST

TUNE 119—Holy Lord, thanks and praise be ever thine.

TUNE 228—Sing Hallelujah, honor, praise.

TUNE 68—Jesus still lead on.

TUNE 214—Peace to thy every dwelling.

TUNE 115—How great the bliss to be a sheep of Jesus.

TUNE 159—Sing Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

ORGAN PRELUDE

MINISTER—The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

CHOIR—

Sing hallelujah, honor, praise;
Your grateful hymns to Jesus raise,
O favored congregation:
For He became a Sacrifice,
And paid in blood our ransom-price,
Procuring our salvation;
Holy, happy
Is our union and communion
With our Saviour;
Blessed be His Name for ever.

CONGREGATION—

God reveals his presence;
Let us now adore him,
And with awe appear before him:
God is in his temple;
All in us keep silence,
And before him bow with reverence:
Him alone, God we own;
He's our Lord and Saviour:
Praise his name for ever.

(Up to this point, the program is taken from the Love Feast Ode of November 13, 1771)

PRAYER

ANTHEM—GLORIA..... Mozart

Lord, thy Church's Rock,
Who dost rule thy flock;
Elder of this congregation;
We, with humble adoration
Thee, and thee alone,
Our chief Shepherd own.

As long as Jesus Lord remains,
Each day new rising glory gains;
It was, it is, it will be so
With his church militant below.

Our only stay is Jesus' grace,
In every time and every place;
And Jesus' blood-bought righteousness
Remains his Church's glorious dress.

All self-dependence is but vain,
Christ doth our corner-stone remain,
Our Rock which will unshaken stay,
When heaven and earth are fled away.

He is and shall remain our Lord,
Our confidence is in his word,
And while our Jesus reigns above,
His Church will more than conqueror prove.

Gracious Father, bless this congregation
As the purchase of thy Son;
For his sake behold us with compassion,
And us all thy children own;
Jesus, grant to us thy peace and favor;
Holy Ghost, abide with us forever,
And to us Christ's love explain:
Hear us, Lord our God: Amen.

ANTHEM—CREATION HYMN.....Beethoven

Highly favored congregation,
Loved by Jesus and esteemed,
Ne'er forget thy destination,
Why from this vain world redeemed.
Grounded on thy Saviour's merit,
Blest in his communion sweet,
Destined heaven to inherit
And the Church above to meet.

Witness here to all around thee
Of thy Saviour's dying love;
Testify, "He sought and found me,
Else I still should restless rove."
Evidence by word and action
That thy faith is not in vain,
That thy highest satisfaction
Centers in the Lamb once slain.

Own thy congregation,
O thou slaughtered Lamb;
We are here assembled
In thy holy Name;
Look upon thy people,
Whom thou by thy blood,
Hast in love redeemed,
And brought nigh to God.

Thou hast kindly led us
For these many years;
Ah, accept our praises
And our grateful tears;
Grant us all the favor
To obey thy voice;
Yea, thy will and pleasure
Be our only choice.

Where divine affection lives,
There the Lord his blessing gives,
There his will on earth is done,
There his heaven is half begun
Lord, our great example prove,
Teach us all like thee to love.

ANTHEM—SONG OF THANKSGIVING.....Maunder

"Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."—Ps. 95.

(Words of anthem sung in Love Feast 1771)

ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS

RT. REV. EDWARD RONDTHALER, D. D., L. L. D., Pastor of Salem Congregation

Let thy presence daily felt, dear Saviour,
 Strengthen, comfort, cheer our heart;
 While we tarry here, O may we never
 From thy holy ways depart.
 Let us feed upon thy death and merit,
 And enjoy the unction of thy Spirit,
 Showing forth thy matchless praise,
 Till in thee we end our race.

For all thy saints, O Lord,
 Who strove in thee to live,
 Who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
 Our grateful hymn receive.

They all, in life and death,
 With thee, their Lord, in view,
 Learned from thy Holy Spirit's breath,
 To suffer and to do.

For this thy name we bless,
 And humbly pray, that we
 May follow them in holiness
 And live and die in thee

One family we dwell in him,
 One Church above, beneath,
 Though now divided by the stream,
 The narrow stream of death.

E'en now by faith we join our hands
 With those that went before;
 And greet the blood-besprinkled bands
 On the eternal shore

There we to all eternity,
 Shall join the angelic lays,
 And sing in perfect harmony
 To God our Saviour's praise;
 He hath redeemed us by his blood,
 And made us kings and priests to God;
 For us, for us the Lamb was slain:
 Praise ye the Lord! Amen

BENEDICTION
 POSTLUDE

HOLY COMMUNION—4:30 P. M.

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